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THE FIRST PRESIDENCY APPEALS TO ALL NATIONS IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE

President Heber J. Grant opened the recent October semi-annual conference with a message to all nations and peoples from the First Presidency in behalf of peace. THE MESSENGER prints below the text of that vital message:

The long-threatened and dreaded war has broken out. Its end and fruition await now the measure of God's infinite wisdom, justice, and mercy.

The divine law on the taking of human life was proclaimed at Sinai and in the Garden. This law, we declare, is equally binding upon men and upon nations. It embraces war.

We further declare that God is grieved by war and that He will hold subject to the eternal punishments of His will those who wage it unrighteously.

Appeal to Leaders

We affirm that all international controversies may be settled by pacific means if nations will but deal unselfishly and righteously one with another. We appeal to the leaders of all nations and to the people themselves thus to mend and adjust their differences, lest the vials of God's wrath be poured out upon the earth, for He has said He will visit His wrath upon the wicked without measure.

We call the unrighteous of the world to repentance—a forsaking of sin and a returning to righteousness, for the Lord has said:

"I, the Lord, am angry with the wicked. I am holding my Spirit from the inhabitants of the earth.

"I have sworn in my wrath and decreed wars upon the face of the earth, and the wicked shall slay the wicked, and fear shall come upon every man." (D. and C. 63:32-33.)

Condemn War

We condemn all of war's foul brood—avarice, greed, misery, want, disease, cruelty, hate, inhumanity, savagery, death.

We earnestly implore all members of the Church to love their brethren and sisters, and all peoples whoever and wherever they are; to banish hate from their lives, to fill their hearts with charity, patience, long-suffering, and forgiveness. The Master said:

"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." (Matt. 5:44.)

We ask the Lord so to overrule the plans and designs of man that this war shall not spread to countries not now involved, and especially that America shall escape the material and spiritual ravages of war.

Spiritual Consolation

We humbly pray God to bring to all bereft and grieving mothers the sweet consolation of His Spirit, to the widow robbed of her helpmate a faith that God will help her in her lonely struggle for a livelihood for her children, to those fatherless children a will to help their mother in her fight for their welfare and existence, and to peoples everywhere an increased desire and determination to "renounce war and proclaim peace, and seek diligently to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers and the hearts of the fathers to the children. . . . lest," saith the Lord, "I come and smite the whole earth with a curse, and all flesh be consumed before me."

We pray that the spirit now raging in men's hearts of hate, of exploitation, of a desire to dominate may be supplanted by the spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness, that in obedience to principles of righteousness and of justice this war without further bloodshed and suffering may be brought to an early close.

CLAREMONT SENDS MISSIONARY

CLEONE ROGERS

October 21, at Berkeley ward, Claremont said farewell to Cleone Rogers, who left October 26 for Salt Lake City on her way to a Spanish-American mission.

A lovely program was rendered, including musical numbers by the Claremont Girls' Chorus and Olive Nielson; Mariam Ellsworth gave a reading and President Eugene Hilton and Bishop Reed Chase were the speakers. Arthur Burdett, of the Bishopric presented Cleone with a "Missionary's Bible" from her ward. Both Cleone and her proud parents responded. Dancing followed the program.

Cleone has been a hard worker in Claremont ward, having worked with the Bee Hive girls and taught in Sunday school.

OCTOBER CONFERENCE DISCUSSES MOMENTOUS ISSUES

With over half the world in the flames of war and economic distress existent almost everywhere, the leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints sounded clarion calls for the return to the love of God and the brotherhood of man, at the semi-annual conference held in Salt Lake City, October 5, 6, and 7. The opening session heard President Grant read an official declaration upon the attitude of the Church toward the war. The text of this declaration is published elsewhere herein. Following him, President J. Reuben Clark made an appeal that we remain neutral. He began by quoting the prophecies and promises from the Book of Mormon to the effect that this is a choice land and its peoples should be free *so long as they serve God*. He discounted the danger to us of invasion from without and held that the real danger was from within, and that to hold our position we must remember God.

President Clark reviewed briefly the causes of the present war, saying its seeds were to be found in the greed of the allied nations following the close of the World War, and the subsequent efforts of the German dictators to take back by force what had been taken from them, with more. He minced no words in saying that "This is a wicked war," and that we should keep out, even though our sympathies were on one side or the other. We can and may, if we act wisely, become the great peacemaker of the world, and will thus see the be-

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ALCOHOL AND THE AUTOMOBILE

A famous scientist has said that the alcohol problem of tomorrow is going to be solved on the highways. Alcoholism is no longer a personal matter to be decided on the basis of health or morals. It is a public problem of grave danger and importance. In the past the alcoholic was a nuisance, today he is a menace.

Every railroad engineer, every airplane pilot, every bus or truck driver is required by law or the rules of his company to be sober on the job. No one would question the right of the community or the corporation to enforce that law. Engineers, pilots and drivers have the safety of those who travel with them in their hands. Yet only a small part of the traveling public use public conveyances. The great majority get from place to place in private automobiles. There were 60,000 railroad engineers in the United States in 1937. That same year there were between 35 and 40 million drivers of private cars. These drivers are engineers also, automobile engineers who are in command of high powered gasoline engines operating on the public highways where there are no rails, no guards and few signals. Every one of these drivers who steps into his car while under the influence of liquor is a potential murderer. He endangers himself, his passengers,

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ELDER GILES TO VISIT IN INTEREST OF SCOUTS, EXPLORERS

Elder John D. Giles, representative of the Presiding Bishopric, will be in Oakland on Sunday, November 5, and a meeting has been called for 2:00 p. m., at which all Scout and Explorer leaders, troop committeemen, members of bishopric, and ward and Stake M. I. A. board members and superintendencies are requested to be present.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Nov. 5, 2-5 p. m.—Meeting of Scout and Explorer leaders with John D. Giles, Oakland chapel.

Friday, Nov. 10 — Berkeley entertains Richmond, Oakland, Claremont; Dimond entertains Elmhurst, Alameda, Hayward; Pittsburg entertains Martinez, Vallejo, Napa.

Wednesday, Nov. 22 — Annual Utah-Idaho Ball, Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Saturday, Sunday, Nov. 25-26—Quarterly Stake Conference, Oakland chapel.

Friday, Dec. 1—Elmhurst entertains Hayward, Dimond, Alameda; Oakland entertains Richmond, Berkeley, Claremont; Vallejo entertains Napa, Martinez, Pittsburg.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, an
will prepare the way before me; and the
whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to
***temple."*—Mal. 3:1.**

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KEEP 'EM COMING!

There has been a temptation on our pa
commence publishing some of the intere
comments and suggestions which have
coming in to THE MESSENGER in respon
our editorials on attendance at sacra
meetings. But publication just now wou
a bit premature. While we've heard fron
eral sources, we don't feel that we've
from all who should be interested. We'
to build up a real backlog of comment
discussion, so that when we do start p
things around, things will not only be
esting but representative.

Let's hear from *you*. Surely you have
worth while suggestion on what can be
to improve the Church's most important
ing, and bring attendance up to where it s
be. The month of September saw m
getting no better fast, to use the verna
Only 19 per cent—less than one-fift
those who should, came out to partake
sacrament and participate in our deve
Here is a problem that is worthy of th
thought of every serious and concerned L
day Saint.

UTAH-IDAHO BALL

Next big Stake function will be the g
ous Utah-Idaho ball on the eve of Than
ing, November 22. For some years past
been held in the Scottish Rite Temple
shores of Lake Merritt, the finest ballro
entire bay area. It will be held here aga
year, and the Stake M. I. A. have plan
under way for a most delightful evening
ball has developed to a point where it riv
annual Green and Gold ball held each
At any rate it is the function which stan
each fall as the big stake attraction.

The very best music obtainable will b
ent, and some novelty numbers and
decorations will add to the interest of th
ning. There will be a charge of $1.0
couple, just barely enough to defray e
In line with Church policy, recreation
are not used to make money, and all co
tions received at the door are used for
tion purposes.

WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER, 1939

Social Education

In the search for education on the part of young people and in the planning of education on the part of those whose duty it is to provide it, there has been manifested in recent years a tendency to avoid consideration of the plain, simple, social qualities which are essential if people are to live together in social units, happily, successfully, and profitably.

The old-fashioned virtues of honesty, morality, chastity, consideration for others, respect for authority, deference to the aged, kindness, faith in God, willingness to sacrifice in the service of others, charity, politeness—many of these are being overlooked in the world in which we find ourselves.

The primary responsibility for cultivating these social virtues, for providing social education, rests with parents. These teachings should be supplemented by the studies in Priesthood quorums and in the auxiliary organizations. But in the home is the most desirable and effective place for such teaching and learning.

Parents should not leave the teaching of these all-important virtues to others. In a world motivated to a great extent by selfishness—and that is the most outstanding single cause of the world's troubles today—we should make certain that every Latter-day Saint home is the fountain head of social education of the highest order.

Many of our schools are supplementing home teachings, and other agencies may assist, but the responsibility of teaching Latter-day Saint children these necessary and desirable social graces rests with the parents.

While Latter-day Saint cultural and social standards rank high in comparison with other groups, there is still room for improvement, and this is highly desirable. Ward Teachers are urged to discuss this responsibility with parents and to encourage them in efforts to teach their children according to the standards of the Gospel. If parents neglect or fail in this they must share the burden of guilt if their children go astray.

In section four of the Doctrine and Covenants we are admonished to "Remember faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humility, diligence."

If there were more teaching of these subjects and more attention given to them in our lives, this would be a much better world. All Latter-day Saint parents have the direct responsibility of teaching their children these social attributes.

(Taken from the October "Era," page 620. Ward Teachers attention is allso called to another article on suggestions to Ward Teachers, same page.)

OIL FOR ADMINISTRATION BY WARD TEACHERS SUCCESSFUL QUORUM PROJECT

Pure olive oil, bottled in half-ounce glass containers and intended to provide a convenient method for Ward Teachers to be prepared to administer to the sick, is made available through the Ninth Quorum of Elders of the Walnut Park ward of Los Angeles Stake.

Pure oil is obtained through a Latter-day Saint druggist and flat bottles are bought at wholesale. The Quorum began the project originally for the use of its own members. Then requests came from other quorums until the project is now a substantial one.

In view of the many requests being made it has been suggested that the oil be made available to all quorums desiring it, the oil to be unconsecrated, that ordinance being left to the quorum or group which plans to use it.

Half-ounce bottles are 10 cents each, 84 cents per single dozen, 60 cents per dozen in six dozen to one gross lots, and $6.00 per gross.

Orders, with cash accompanying, should be sent to W. O. Whitaker, 8168 Cypress Avenue, South Gate, California.

THE CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT INCREASES

Alice Carol Stoddard, born October 12, will hereafter supervise the monthly mailing of THE MESSENGER, according to proud papa Marshall. Leastwise he says there's now another reason around their house for toeing the mark; and Mrs. Stoddard, who is doing well, agrees.

OAKLAND STAKE NEAR TOP IN SEPTEMBER RATING

Oakland Stake stands eleventh in the Chu
for September in a comparative rating with
other stakes on attendance at priesthood
sacrament meetings, ward teaching and
offerings per capita. Our score was 355 po
out of a possible 900.

While our standing with other stakes a
whole was favorable, Oakland was outran
by five other California stakes: Los Ange
403 points; San Francisco, 403 points; Ho
wood, 389; Pasadena, 376, and Sacrame
363.

That there is still vast room for impro
ment is disclosed by an analysis of the it
upon which the report is based. The br
down, by wards, is as follows:

Ward	Total Membership	Offering per capita	Meeti Attenda
Alameda	256	$.34	4
Berkeley	621	.47	1 2
Claremont	400	.52	6
Dimond	708	.50	1 6
Elmhurst	697	.76	8
Hayward	286	.56	8
Martinez	230	.35	4
Napa	77	.10	3
Oakland	671	.63	1 0
Pittsburg	188	.25	5
Richmond	259	.28	4
Vallejo	268	.38	4
Stake Total	4661	$.42	75

The minimum quota for the year on
offerings is $1.00 per person. It will be
therefore, that in order to reach this minim
considerable must be accomplished in the
maining days of the year.

The total attendance of 758 person
sacrament meetings represents 19 per cen
the Stake's population. There is, therefore,
room for improvement in this department

WARD NEWS

HAYWARD WARD

Services Held at 1070 B Street

Hayward bishopric, in conjunction wit
Ward Building Committee, is studying
building site and plans of the Martinez
in order that their ward may benefit b
solution of problems similar to their own.

Ten Boy Scouts and Scoutmaster Be
Stewart made an overnight hike on M
Diablo Friday, October 20. They ret
Saturday afternoon. The number includ
but two members of the troop.

Mrs. Verla Light has had the pleas
entertaining for her mother and father
have been visiting from Gridley Stake.

Mr. and Mrs. William Millet of Cent
have had as their house guest Mrs. M
sister of Wyoming.

Mrs. Elsie Willis, newly-elected presid
Hayward Relief Society, returned Octo
from a business-pleasure trip to Mesa, A
former residence of the Willis family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Terry have mad

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folks in the ward, over the age of 15, are invited to attend in the different homes, each Sunday evening. At each home is held the class program, followed by refreshments and a sociable time together.

VALLEJO WARD

Meet at 2010 Marin Street, Vallejo

We were pleased to have as our speaker Sunday evening, September 24, Bromwell Z. Cox of Oakland.

Relief Society's opening party was a great success. A "pot-luck dinner" was served, each one attending bringing a dinner plate, which was donated to the ward——in this way helping to furnish our kitchen. After dinner, a delightful program and apron sale was enjoyed.

Vallejo ward Sunday School conference was held October 8, with the following Stake Board members present: E. Junius Payne, L. Allen Tidwell and Walter Aylett.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kimpton and family have returned from a delightful trip to Salt Lake City, where they were engaged in Temple work.

The primary officers and teachers entertained at a delightful Formal Dance Saturday evening, October 14. About twenty-five couples were in attendance.

Vallejo ward Relief Society has organized a sewing class, where young women may attend and be instructed in the primary principles of sewing by our sewing superintendents. October 18 was our first day, and there were twenty-one present.

President Eugene Hilton and Clyde Summerhays were visitors in our ward Sunday, October 15, and complimented the bishopric and priesthood on the fine work they have accomplished on our Church house. We were pleased to have as our evening speakers, Oscar Fontana and Don J. Alphin.

DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

The Senior Book of Mormon class enjoyed a Hallowe'en party Saturday evening, October 28, at the home of Elaine Kimball.

For her announcement party, Lake Merritt Hotel was chosen by Ruth Weindorf, where she entertained at a dinner dance for a group of her young friends early in October.

A Hallowe'en party was given Saturday morning, October 28, for the primary children. They came in costume and enjoyed games and dancing.

The monthly primary officers and teachers' meeting was held at the home of Katherine Dorius, who was assisted in entertaining by Mildred Olson. Their business consisted of plans for the ward primary conference to be held November 19.

The Daughters of the Pioneers of Alameda County were entertained by the Abigail Jane Daley Camp at the Cherrington home on October 27. The affair was in the form of a Remembrance Tea, where relics and treasures belonging to the Pioneers were on display in the upstairs rooms. Music was furnished during the afternoon by Jessie Lund, soloist, and Francell Larson, violinist.

The Relief Society gave a party in the form of a shower for the Security Project, Tuesday, October 31. Each member brought her membership article.

Rose Clarke was called to Utah because of the death of her father.

Viola Lauper gave a bridal shower for Ruth

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at the time, was called home. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 8, at the Elmhurst Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Owens recently returned from a motor trip up the Redwood Highway. They visited friends in Santa Rosa, Crescent City and Modoc County.

The chorus which was recently organized among the young people of the ward, and which is being conducted by Mrs. Osmond, is rapidly obtaining the proportions of a full choir. Their singing is appreciated by the entire ward membership, and adds greatly to the regular sacrament service.

The first of a series of dinners and socials to raise funds for the furnishing of the new addition to the chapel was held recently in the Relief Society and Recreation Halls. A splendid dinner, prepared in the new kitchen under the direction of Mrs. Holder and the Relief Society, was served to a crowd of more than 150. The affair was a decided success, both from the standpoint of the diners and the finance committee. Following the dinner moving pictures of the Bird Antarctic Expedition were shown in the chapel. Other dinners and socials are planned for the near future.

Mr. Partington attended the recent General Conference in Salt Lake City.

Miss Alina May Smithen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Smithen, and Carl Fredrick Wachter were united in marriage Sunday, October 15, at a beautifully appointed ceremony in the Elmhurst Chapel, Dr. Milton P. Ream officiating. The bride was attended by her three sisters, and Bob Wachter, brother of the groom, was best man. Following the ceremony a reception was held for the young couple at the Smithen home. Mr. and Mrs. Wachter spent their honeymoon at Carmel and are now making their home in Oakland.

Mrs. Horace J. McFarlane is visiting with relatives and friends in Ogden, Utah.

Mrs. Walter Smithen is entertaining visitors from Salt Lake City at her home in East Oakland. They are Mrs. Lavina Ogden, Miss Naomi Newman, daughter of Bishop Newman of the 34th ward, and Irene Brierley.

The Elmhurst Sunday School, under the direction of Superintendent Ray Darton, held a very successful ward conference Sunday, October 15. Visitors from the Stake Board were Superintendent Francis Gealta, Timothy Morley, and Walter Aylett.

Mrs. Ida Neilson, who has been ill for several months, is back with us again.

A special quilting was the feature of the regular work and business meeting of the Relief Society for October. Two quilts were completed and a luncheon was served to the quilters by the presidency of the society.

Mrs. Emma Cheney and Mrs. DeWitt Johnson, both of Lake Town, Utah, are visiting here for a few weeks with their sister, Mrs. Lovinia Jackson.

RICHMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel, Corner 28th Street and Nevin Avenue, Richmond

An afternoon reception of the Theta Chi Gamma Chi was held at the home of Mrs. Leon Edlefsen. Mrs. A. L. Hopkins, our Bishop's wife, was the guest of honor. During the afternoon piano solos were rendered by Miss Ruth Hopkins and Miss Shirley Dewsnup. Refreshments were served to Mildred Morris, Shirley Dewsnup, Ruth Hopkins, Chloe Hopkins, Catherine Hopkins, Orvilla Stanger, Henrietta Redfield, Betty Stoddard, Venus Edlefsen, and the teacher, Lillian Morley.

Home talent M. I. A. conjoint was held October 1. The six fine speakers were LaVon Aikens, Ada Zundel, Rula Stanger, Venus Edlefsen, Ruth Parker and Jeanette Rice.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:
- To Mr. and Mrs. George Prior, Oakland, a son, August 9.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eades, Oakland, a son, July 20.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Allen Uffanf, Oakland, a son, February 3.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Aldred Fisher, Livermore, a daughter.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fielding, Oakland, a daughter.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Dale Speed, Oakland, a son.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Garney Johnson, Oakland, a daughter.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stoddard, Oakland, a daughter.

BLESSINGS:
- Micheal Dennis Prior, Oakland.
- Wayne Eugene Eades, Oakland.
- Gordon Allen Uffenf, Oakland.
- Patricia Anne Uffenf, Oakland.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:
- Nancy Lee Dahlin, Martinez.
- Lorraine Wanlass, Martinez.
- Betty Joan Williams, Martinez.
- Robert Ernest Vom Dorp, Martinez.
- Margene Vanlass, Martinez.
- Ella R. Denny, Oakland.
- Charles G. Dowd, Oakland.
- Fanny Olive Fowdre Pelif, Oakland.
- John Edward Hartwell, Oakland.
- Norma Irene Luke, Oakland.

ORDINATIONS:
- Desmond Stewart, Hayward, Teacher.
- Robert Barrett, Claremont, Elder.
- Paul Orme, Claremont, Elder.
- Charles Silva, Claremont, Priest.
- Vernon Roger, Daryl Dangerfield, Joseph Vinward and Raymond De Mar, all of Claremont, Deacons.

MARRIAGES:
- Carl Frederick Wachter and Alina May Smithen, Elmhurst, October 15, Oakland.

DEATHS:
- James H. Hood, Elmhurst, October 5, in San Leandro
- Ilene Telford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Myron Telford, October 4, Vallejo.

Mr. and Mrs. James Roark announce the marriage of their daughter, Margret, to Carol Stevens of Stege, California. The marriage took place in Reno.

Miss Lileth Tidwell has returned from Logan, Utah, where she has spent the summer. She is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Tidwell.

The four-ward budget dance, held October 13, was a great success. Mrs. Edmond Phelps and her committee worked very hard on the beautiful decorations for the occasion. Marvin Parker was master of ceremonies for the evening. During the intermission Donna and Margene Haddock gave tap dances and a novelty number. Delicious punch was served.

There has been some changes made in our ward recently. Mrs. Florence E. Wright has been chosen as president of the Relief Society to take the place of Mrs. Jessie H. Bradison, who was released because of illness. Mrs. Wright has chosen as her two counselors, Mrs. Jessie Pearson and Mrs. Wallace Anderson.

New changes in the Mutual are: David Love as second counselor in the Y.M.M.I.A.; Allan Burt as secretary of the Y.M.M.I.A., and Venus Edlefsen as secretary of the Y.W.M.I.A.

Mr. June Blackburn of Brogan, Oregon, is visiting with Bishop and Mrs. A. L. Hopkins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burt and son, of Brigham, Utah, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Aikens.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace C. Anderson are recuperating from an automobile accident which occurred Saturday, October 21. They were very fortunate to receive only bad bruises and nervous shock.

Mrs. Jessie H. Bradison, former Relief Society president, was pleasantly surprised with a handkerchief shower, given by the members of the Relief Society. Luncheon was served to 25.

The Beehive girls had a party at the home of their Beekeeper, Ada Zundel, Tuesday, October 10. A program was given after which games and refreshments were enjoyed by the girls.

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